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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : SINGER ET AL.
SERIAL NO. : 09/552,485
FILING DATE : April 18, 2000
FOR : NOVEL SYNTHESIS AND CRYSTALLIZATION OF
PIPERAZINE RING-CONTAINING COMPOUNDS
GROUP ART UNIT : 1624
EXAMINER : K. Habte

Response to Office Action Under 37 CFR § 1.116

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR

02/21/2002 CCHAU1 00000056 09552485
01 FC:117 Washington, D.C. 20231

920.00 CR

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 13, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants enclose the fee for a one-month extension of time; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or debit any underpayment or overpayment to Deposit

Adjustment date 02/21/2002 PSTANBAC
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In the claims:

Please cancel claims 29, 36, and 42-45 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 30, 31, 37, 38 and 41 as follows:

30. (Amended) A crystalline adduct of mirtazapine and water containing up to about three
07/19/2002 PSTANBAC 00000002 110600 09552485
01 FC:115 weight percent water.

31. (Amended) The adduct of mirtazapine and water of claim 30 prepared by precipitation
from a solvent comprising water and either an alcohol or acetone.